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Dear Dr. McAllister:

We are writing to ask your support for the 1994 Keystone Symposia Conference on "Molecular Biology of Muscle Development" to be held April 11-17, 1994 at Snowbird, Utah.

This is the third Keystone Symposium on striated muscle biology and will focus on recent advances in what has become one of the most active areas of research for studying basic mechanisms of cell determination, as well as the relationship between cell proliferation and differentiation. The symposium will integrate areas of rapid progress in the molecular biology of striated muscle, with special emphasis on embryonic muscle patterning, the control of myogenic determination, transcriptional pathways underlying muscle differentiation program by growth factor and oncogenic signals, and the genetics and treatment of neuromuscular disease. Workshops on cardiogenesis, neuromuscular interaction, and fiber type structure and function will present the most recent advances in more specialized topics of high interest and progress. The meeting will provide a unique opportunity for individuals with a wide variety of interests and expertise to benefit from a comprehensive and multidisciplinary view of this exciting field.

It is clear that this will be a highly attended and important conference. We have requested funds from the National Institutes of Health and the Muscular Dystrophy Association to help defray travel costs for speakers and young scientists. However, the budgets of these agencies are, as you know, extremely tight and the support we anticipate receiving for this conference will be grossly inadequate. We are therefore depending on the generosity and longterm vision of corporations to help insure the success of this conference. Speakers having limited grant support, especially junior faculty, may cancel their participation in the meeting unless we can provide funds to cover a significant portion of their essential travel/lodging expenses. Speakers do not receive lecture fees or honoraria.

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Should you be able to make a contribution to this important meeting, Dr. Hank Harwood would like to hear from you as soon as possible. Contributions should be made payable to the KEYSTONE SYMPOSIA and sent to Dr. Harwood at the address below. If written notice of intent is received before September 29, 1993, you will receive acknowledgement in all four volumes of Abstract Books published in conjunction with the 1994 conference series. Please contact Dr. Harwood if you have any questions concerning corporate/foundation support to the Keystone Symposia. I would be happy to provide information regarding the scientific content of this conference.

Sincerely,

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